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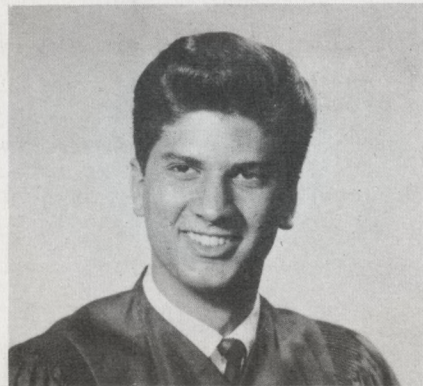
ST. STEPHEN'S H.S., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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## FIRST SCHOLARSHIP WON THIS YEAR BY JOE FORTE

Some happy news helped turn a "blue Monday" February 1 (especially since it followed a holiday Friday) into a rather delightful day. Perhaps most delighted was Joseph Forte, a senior. The reason for the joy? Joe is the first to have been awarded a scholarship this year.

Joe had applied last fall to St. Francis College for a four year scholarship (with free tuition). His scholastic record here proved meritorious and the college granted him the scholarship. So we give our heartiest congratulations to Joe! May he serve as an example to others who strive for scholastic achievements. We hope, moreover, that in the ensuing months we may have more such honors!



Joseph Forte

## FABULOUS JACK SPECTOR SHOW HERE!



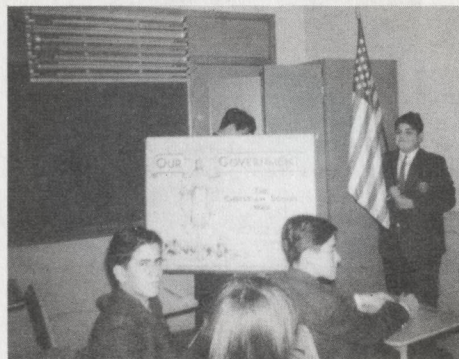
WMCA JACK SPECTOR checks last minute details in our cafeteria.

Back on November 14, there was held here at St. Stephen's what was broadcast by WMCA Radio "Good Guy" Jack Spector the "social event of the season." Never before had the school witnessed such a tremendous and tumultuous turnout! The reason was that we had as our M.C. Jack Spector himself. Joe O'Brien, another "Good Guy" was a guest also.

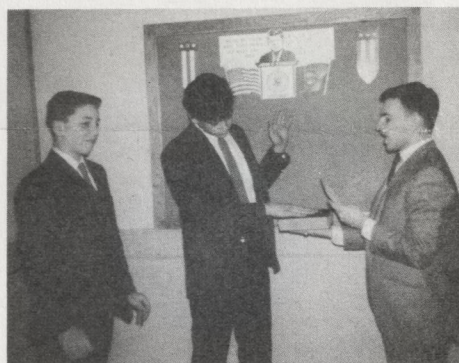
Here is a list of the stars that appeared on our stage in this colorful and exciting spectacle: Randy and the Rainbows, the Dixie Cups, the Jelly Beans, the Runarounds, the Crowns, the Visions (for whom our show was their first public appearance), Candy and the Kisses, the Gran Pris, Sugar n' Spice, the You Know Who Group (for whom our show was also their first public appearance), the original Chimes, and Joe Jones. The music was provided by the Demotrons.

Special thanks go to Chicky Pallotta, former Student Council President, who arranged for Jack Spector's as well as the other singing groups' coming here. We also thank our present Student Council President, Sal Poidomani, for helping make the show the great success that it was. We thank "Good Guy" Jack Spector and the various groups for coming here and we certainly wish to see them here again in Good Guy Land -St. Stephen's! -S.C.O. Report

## FRESHMEN PRACTICE CITIZENSHIP



Freshman casts ballot in secret voting "booth."



Mr. Cutrone administers oath to newly elected president.

As we may all remember, the second half of the freshman social studies course is entitled "Citizenship Education." The freshmen, under the guidance of their teacher, Mr. Cutrone, have been putting their education into practice.

Freshman B elected a class president according to democratic procedure. A convention nominated two candidates, Mike Trovato and Theresa Scotto. Each presented his platform and their campaign committees rallied for support. Each challenged the other to debates. Speeches were heard, buttons were handed out and free candy was given! Finally the secret ballots were cast and the victor was Michael Trovato. The president was then duly sworn in.

Freshman A also has a community project. Various members will be writing about historic places of the neighborhood while others plan to interview outstanding people of the community. Other similar projects to increase patriotism are in the making. We hope to present some in the next issue of the paper.

-the Freshmen

## DRAMATICS CLUB

Beginning on March 3, the great penitential season of the Church begins. Lent is a time when we should examine ourselves more closely and ask ourselves not necessarily what I should give up but rather what more can I do to perfect myself. It is a time, above all, when Christ says to each one of us: "Come, pick up your cross and follow me."



The first production of the newly organized Dramatic Club was a big smash as the entire student body loudly applauded the performers. As all saw, there was a bit of talent portrayed by everyone in the cast. Even greater talent was shown by the leading performers, Dorothy Ford, who played as a girl ashamed of her background, her father, Sal Poidomani, her mother, Anna Russo, and her boyfriend, Joe Schioppi, who taught her a lesson. The play, serious in its meaning though comical at times in its exposition, was written by Sister Vianney. We also congratulate the other performers as well as the brains behind the curtains, the stage hands.

The club's president is Agnes Petrosino assisted by Kathy Castellano. The next performance of the club will be the annual Spring Festival.

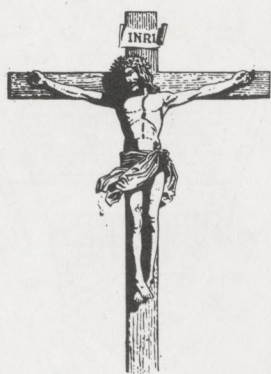
Mary Ann Corio '66





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## INTERVIEW WITH MR. CUTRONE



Q. How long have you been teaching at St. Stephen's? Acting as moderator of the school paper?  
A. I'm in my fifth year here and I've been moderator since I came to St. Stephen's.

Q. Have you noticed any change in the school since you've been here?  
A. Yes. It seems more of a school now than in those early days when we had only two years.

Q. Do you enjoy teaching economic geography and civics now?  
A. Yes, because, first of all, it's

part of my major field and, secondly, it gives me a chance to get to know the freshmen.

Q. Did you ever teach freshmen before?

A. Yes, I've taught the present senior class as freshmen.

Q. Whom do you enjoy teaching more, sophomores or freshmen?

A. Both classes offer different characteristics which make each of them likeable. But, I guess, I will always have a special place in my heart for sophomores because a sophomore class was the first I ever taught.

Q. Which subject do you enjoy teaching most?

A. As you know, I teach sophomore religion. Anyone who has taught about God, I am sure, agrees with me in saying that this gives one the greatest satisfaction. After this, it would be world history. Why? Because it deals with that wonderful creature called man!

Q. What gives you the greatest satisfaction in teaching?

A. The realization that in some way, small though it may be, I have influenced my students for the best, I hope, not only in learning but also in character.

REPORTER : MARIE CONTORNO '66

## Editorial

### CHURCH RENEWAL

When Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council, he expressed the hope that the council would serve as a means of renewal (*aggiornamento*) within the Church. The purpose of this renewal would be to update the Church, to make it a more dynamic part of the Twentieth Century.

Beginning on November 29, the first day of the liturgical year, we have witnessed and participated in one of the first fruits of the Vatican Council. On that day the vernacular, or common language of the people, was used for the first time after centuries in the celebration of the Mass and in the administration of some of the sacraments.

In approving these changes, the Council Fathers have provided us with a great opportunity to progress in the love of God. The change to the vernacular was made so that the Mass and the sacraments may be more fully understood by us. The Mass has been restored so that we are no longer mere spectators at this Eucharistic Sacrifice, but rather, co-offerers in union with the celebrant and Christ.

We must make some effort to understand and appreciate the restoration in the Liturgy. We will find not only ourselves, but also the entire Mystical Body of Christ in closer union with God.

Kenneth Ekland '65

### THE SHADOW OF DEATH

As the curtain shadows of night were passing into morning light, one dark and gloomy one remained behind. It was the shadow of death. It struck in the single bed of the master bedroom at the Hyde Park Gate Estate. This shadow caused one of the noblest, bravest, and stoutest hearts of all history to beat its last. And as this last heart beat throbbed and faded, so too faded out of existence the man who had spent his life in service to his country. Time had caught up with the man for all times. Thus the greatest of banners fell. And with that falling we all lose a little bit of us, for he was our symbol of strength. England may well say as did one of her poets about fallen heroes:

"Their blood is England's heart  
By their dead hands,  
It is their noble part  
That England stands.

England - Time gave them thee  
They gave back this  
To win eternity  
And claim God's kiss."

The London Times called him "the greatest Englishman of his times." He was a man of courage and he displayed it throughout a glory-filled lifetime of ninety years. Most probably no single man in history has had so rich, so varied and so distinguished a career - statesman, soldier, historian, author, correspondent and painter. He will be remembered because he helped his nation at her "finest hours." He helped her to survive the perils of war. England and the world will miss him because he was a true man.

"He was a man, take him for all in all  
We shall not look upon his like again."

Joseph Forte '65

### INADEQUACY IN S. VIET NAM

In my opinion, there is one word that exemplifies our present policy in South Viet Nam and that word is inadequacy.

This moronic policy begins with our inadequate supervision of the government of South Viet Nam, which is now in the clutches of one of the many habit-forming coups that have occurred in the past year, and stems into our insufficient supplying of weapons and equipment to our soldiers in South Viet Nam. This latter statement was brought to light only after a Congressional inquiry had proven that obsolete planes and equipment were being used to combat the Viet Cong guerrillas.

President Johnson has stated that he will continue with this present policy in South Viet Nam. I think that if we continue with this fiasco we will needlessly lose countless more lives. To me, there is only one sure way of victory in South Viet Nam, and that is by taking temporary control of the government and forces of this country until this crisis is finally over.

Joseph Schioppi '65

## Hello, Young Lovers!



FEB.  
14

In 1667, the first boxes of lace doilies and colored paper cards came into use. Now one could write a few lines to his loved one on silk paper and enclose it in a card. From these early times we today get our symbolic cards and verses from the Europeans. They depicted Don Cupid with his bow and arrow, frilly flowers and little lace doilies.

Then in 1914, with World War I, we stopped importing valentines from Europe. Americans started to put American sentiments into words and friendliness was even put into a card besides the conventional romantic ideas.

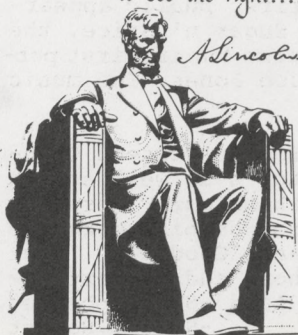
Hello, young lovers wherever you are! On February 14, you'll show your feelings via cards, flowers, and candy and you know how pleased your valentine will be.

Some say that the custom of Valentine Day dates all the way back to the Romans who celebrated it on February 15. This feast was called Lupercalia when names were put in an urn or bowl. If a man picked your name you would be his valentine for that year even if you did not know him. To us, this seems impersonal compared to our customs.

So, we should all give thanks to St. Valentine who was martyred on this day. It is stated that the custom of bringing lovers together was due to the fact that birds mated on this day. Even Shakespeare valued the sentiment of Valentine when he wrote:  
"Tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day  
All in the morning betime.  
And I a maid at your window,  
To be your Valentine."

Loretta Taurisano '66

With malice toward none; with  
charity for all; with firmness  
in the right, as God gives us  
to see the right....



FEBRUARY





## HE'S NOT THERE

I turn to look at the one I love,  
But he's not there.  
I turn to smile at the one I love,  
But he's not there.  
I'm not used to the idea of not having him near me.  
I can still feel him near me; I can still hear his voice.  
He means so much to me,  
He's my whole life; he's everything I want;  
But he's not there.

I miss waiting for him each night.  
I miss his eyes that sparkle;  
I miss his talking and laughing.  
I can feel him so near me; I turn to look at him,  
But he's not there.

Oh, what can I do?  
I just can't forget him.  
I feel as if something's missing.  
I miss him, our walks, our songs, our little talks;  
I miss being in his arms.  
When we talked, he held my hand and looked in my eyes.  
Is that him?  
No, he's not there.

Yes, I see him.  
He's walking this way.  
Oh, what a beautiful night! The stars are out,  
The sky is clear, and there's a moon out.  
His hand feels so good in mine.  
And his arms are so warm; his lips are so inviting.  
The hours we spent together that night!  
Oh, must you leave so soon?  
It's so nice to have you near me again.  
But then again you're with me each night  
Because, you see, you're always in my dreams.  
But then I wake up.  
He's not there.

Marie Calbrese '65



## Hit Parade

Keep on Pushing - battle cry  
in the locker room  
She's a Mixed-Up Shook-Up Girl  
- no, she's a freshman  
Come a Little Bit Closer - I  
can't hear the answer  
Save It for Me - a place in the  
lunch line  
I Think I am Going Outa My  
Mind - since I started steno  
Walking In the Rain - what to do  
to test a water-repellent  
raincoat  
Something Tells Me I'm in for  
Something Good - a day off  
Mr. Lonely - the boy in deten-  
tion room  
Shaggy Dog - what we look  
like at 3 o'clock  
Willow Weep for Me - failed  
math again  
Pat Hughes '66

## COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

The first awards for book-keeping were issued in Decem-ber by Sister Gerard Marie. The following sophomore girls were awarded: L. Mulhan, S. Affatigato, M. Sullivan, L. Kozak, E. Camarda, A. Muscianesi, A. Vigi-giano, and A. Porthouse.

A second contest was held but as of yet the winners have not been revealed.

Josephine Sambucini '67

## Books



FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH  
READ GOOD BOOKS!

## They Serve Our School



We would like to salute the fine women of the cafeteria who attend to our best period of the day, lunch! In the picture above we see (l. to r.): Mrs. Viceri, Mrs. Galletta, Mrs. Malvasio, and Mrs. T. Tslentis. We would like to say "THANKS" for all your kindness and we SALUTE you all!!



Roving  
Reporter

QUESTION : If you had twenty-five hours on a particular day, what would you do with the extra day?

REPORTER : Loretta Maresco '66

Most students answered that they would spend that extra hour in sleep (as usual). But a few had different ideas:

"I'd shoot pool."  
Sal De Vincenzo '65

"I'd go shopping downtown."  
Angel Scotto '66

"I'd play ball."  
Pat Mc Hugh '66

"I'd ice skate."  
Carmela Incorvaia '65

"I'd read a book."  
Mary Calabro '67

"I'd eat."  
Catherine Nelson '66

"I'd take a bath."  
Steve Orr '67

## Anna Russo Wins

### Trophy for Oratory

Our third trophy for oratory was won February 5 by Anna Maria Russo, a senior (who, incidentally, also won our second trophy last year. The contest was sponsored by the American Legion and was made available to us through the efforts of Miss Agnes Kennedy and Mr. Anthony Curcio.

Anna's speech dealt with the important issue of civil rights. We are proud of Anna who won third place in the contest. CONGRATULATIONS!!

## Stephenites

### Take to the Theatre

Recently a few fortunate seniors and juniors accompanied Sister Vianney and Mr. Nappo to see two great dramatic performances.

The first, Marlowe's *Dr. Faustus*, reveals the story of a learned man who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for a certain number of years of fulfilled desire and power. The final scene portraying the devil's claiming Faustus' soul left a lasting impression on all and I am sure that we all learned the message intended.

The second play was one by Moliere, *Tartuffe*, the story of a pious fraud who takes over the entire household of a rich man. The magnificent costumes and sassy remarks of the house- maid made the play most enjoy- able. It received excellent re- views and we consider ourselves especially lucky to have seen it.

We are grateful to Mr. Nap- po for his interest and hope there will be more such occa- sions in the future.

Maryann Galletta '66



The news revolving around the juniors has hit a high and low point for this issue. It all started when George Tassey entered the hospital for appen- dicitis. He was soon followed by some of his classmates. Mil- lie Sciplini went for a kidney attack; Marty Curcio, for a knee injury received while showing his athletic ability in foot- ball. The last on the list of casualties so far has been our editor, Loretta Taurisano who also went for appendicitis.

A trademark of some of our junior boys, sloppiness, seems to have been changed to clean- ness. This was evident when they brought a red and white gingham tablecloth on which to eat their lunch.

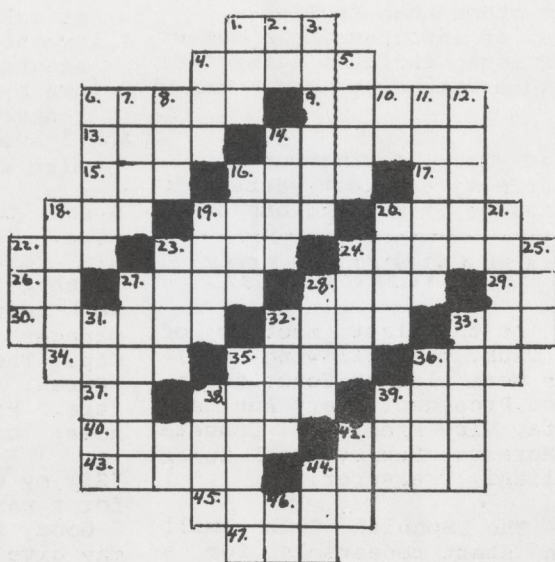
Another step toward becom- ing seniors was seen when we had our school ring measure- ments taken last December. Now we are anxiously awaiting that day in May - Ring Day!!

Marie Bernardo '66

- ACROSS
- spinning toy
  - artificial waterway
  - the devil
  - meat cooked in an oven
  - prophetic sign
  - alphabet member
  - cozy room
  - quills
  - you and I
  - shallow pat
  - thrash
  - Achilles' weak spot
  - cooking fuel
  - planting beginning
  - clergyman
  - either
  - stair
  - close friends
  - thus
  - plates
  - \_\_\_ tale, exaggerated story
  - sleeping couch
  - pack (cargo)
  - showman, Billy \_\_\_
  - possesses
  - ouch!
  - half a quart
  - that man's
  - sour fruits
  - delightful spots
  - subdues
  - storehouse
  - singer, Dennis \_\_\_

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Pamela Alexander '65  
Evelyn Castro '65



ANSWER TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4



- DOWN
- light brown
  - go \_\_\_, continual
  - father or mother
  - is able to
  - building plots
  - aerated beverages
  - end of a prayer
  - two fives
  - attending
  - street drains
  - forest plants
  - pencil part
  - chirp
  - French capital
  - honey makers
  - corridor
  - misplaces
  - Supreme Being
  - meat and vegetable dish
  - lacking color
  - to bend forward
  - displayed
  - time gone by
  - robbed
  - large weights
  - foundations
  - washed lightly
  - home of #19 down
  - Walden was one
  - meat served with eggs
  - myself
  - household animal
  - plaything
  - dad



# Dear Bobbie...

by Barbara Molinelli '66

DEAR BOBBIE, How can you pass a subject if you can't stand it?  
"Frustrated"

DEAR FRUSTRATED, Sit on it and you may conquer it!

DEAR BOBBIE, About ten months ago I came to Brooklyn from Rochester. There, people speak with a more "civilized" accent than do the people of Brooklyn. This is my problem- every time I open my mouth the people make fun at me. They call me a hill-billy. Please help me!  
"Rochester"

DEAR ROCHESTER, The boys ridicule you because they are jealous of you. Most of the girls think your accent is dignified and cute. And you can be sure that the boys like you because if they didn't, they wouldn't waste the time teasing you.

DEAR BOBBIE, There is a girl I like very much. We had a lot of fun whenever we went out but then we had an argument. Since then I haven't called her. How can I get to go out with her again without hurting my pride?  
"Unlucky"

DEAR UNLUCKY, I suggest taking Pepto-Bismol which will coat your stomach. Then swallow your pride and it won't hurt you. Finally call her up. It should work!

DEAR BOBBIE, How can I stop my friends from writing letters to girls and signing my name?  
"Confused"

DEAR CONFUSED, Write to their girls and sign your name.

DEAR BOBBIE, I like a boy from freshman year, but he has never asked me for a date. He fools around with me but nothing serious. What should I do?  
"Hopeless"

DEAR HOPELESS, Forget him! There are many fish in the sea!

## SCIENCE CLUB



At the last meeting of the Science Club, we decided to postpone the science fair and assembly until February. Projects for the fair are now under way. We also received our pins and membership cards.  
Mary Ann Noto '66

## HOW GOOD ARE YOU?

READ this sentence:

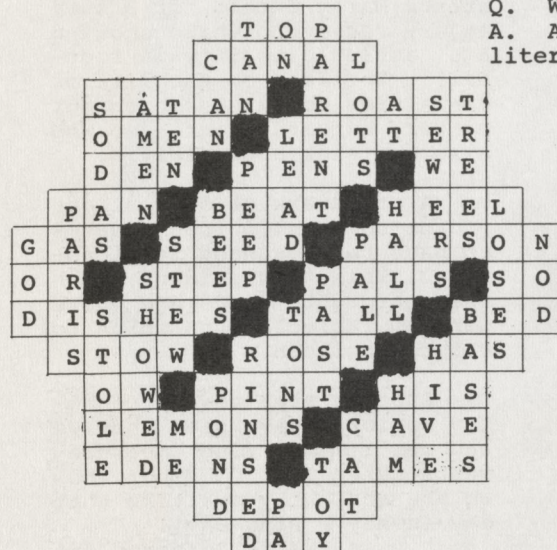
FIDELITY FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS

Now count aloud the F's in the square. Count them ONLY ONCE, don't go back and count them again.

DON'T READ ANY FURTHER

The answer to the problem is: There are six F's in the sentence. One of average intelligence finds only three of them. If you found four you're above average. If you got five, you can turn your nose at most anybody. If you caught all six, you are a genius!

## ANSWER TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## INTERVIEW WITH MR. NAPPO

REPORTER : SANTA PENNACHIO '66

Q. How long have you been teaching at St. Stephen's?  
A. This is my third year here.

Q. Do you like the longer periods?  
A. Yes. I believe that most of the work should be more clearly understood in the allotted time in the classroom, rather than placing the burden of leaving on the students the project of memorizing school work in non-school hours. This extra time allows the teacher to give students more information. The extra time has a cumulative effect over a period of months. In this way you can as well as receive from students.

Q. Which class do you enjoy teaching most, freshmen or juniors?  
A. I enjoy teaching both but in different ways. The juniors—they are more mature and better able to handle the historical ideas they may not have been able to two years ago. The ideas they have accumulated over the previous years, therefore, make them better equipped intellectually. They are very stimulating in that in dealing with them they have more to offer in the classroom. The freshmen are enjoyable because there is a general air of youthful enthusiasm about their eagerness to learn. This seems to quiet down over the years. You have to be careful with the freshmen not to over simplify or under simplify their capacity of learning.

Q. What do you find most difficult in teaching English?  
A. Trying to convince the students that it is up to them to apply the principles they are taught in grammar. The students must make up his mind that he is going to try to write well. Until he makes up his mind there is no effect produced by the teacher. The student must conscientiously utilize the grammatical principles.

Q. Have you noticed a great change in the school since you first came here?  
A. In a very brief expanse of time the kinks have been removed from the operations of the school schedule. All of us have a clear idea of how to handle a varied number of problems which formerly offered hesitations and confusion.

Q. Would you like to teach any subject other than English?  
A. No! English, in itself, is capable of encompassing a number of disciplines. This cross current of ideas enriches literature and renders the task of teaching English a demanding but rewarding one.

Q. What caused you to choose English as your lifetime work?  
A. A love of reading was developed from my earliest years. In literature I find many answers to the riddles of mankind and human nature. Literature can be to others, and it is to me, a major source of entertainment, consolation, education, and inspiration.



PONDER THIS

They asked the old justice, "What was your most difficult judgment?" He said, "After I had all the facts, the judgment of myself."  
- Leonard Andrews

## LIBRARY SQUAD



The Library Squad, seated from left to right: P. Alexander, J. Caserta, J. Marra, C. Schettina, M. Calabrese, M. Contorno, E. Cipolla, M. Curcio, M. Sparacino, A. Viggiano. Standing, left to right: M. Pirrone, G. Rodman, F. Greco, D. Pace, J. DeSimone, M. Reale, F. Ambrosino, E. Castro, J. Amatrucola, A. Yodice, E. O'Connor, and MR. Zuckerberg.

If observant, you can see some of your fellow students wearing small white buttons. These buttons state that they are members of the St. Stephen High School Library Squad. A library aid's job includes a variety of things. Some of the more important ones are shelving

books and typing cards. Other responsibilities are "to mind the front," that is, to charge books in or out. The Library Squad helps Mr. Zuckerberg in his tremendous job of keeping the library the "heart of the school."

Stephen Yacubovich '66

## SERVICE

"It's a far, far better thing I do for my school than I have ever done!" This may well be the battle cry of four junior boys who, upon coming up from the locker room in the morning, frequently find the auditorium filled with chairs. Inspired by their school spirit, they put all the chairs and tables that cluttered the auditorium away. Of course, their reasons can be disputed, but the fact remains that they do put the chairs away while others hide.

This is a tribute to these four boys: Phil Giordano, Mike Livolsi, Marty Frasca, and the fourth prefers to remain anonymous. But this article would not be complete without mentioning their moderator, Maryann Galletta.

WE SALUTE YOU ALL!!

Thomas Matteo '66

## LAUGH AWHILE



I love to do my homework;  
it makes me feel so good.  
I love to do exactly as my teachers say I should.  
I love my school work very much  
I never miss a day.  
And I even love the men in white who are taking me away.

A son took a job in another town. The first week he wrote his father, "Made foreman, a feather in my cap." The second week he wrote, "Made assistant manager, another feather in my cap." The third week he wrote, "Fired. Send money for bus fare." His father replied, "Fly home; use feather!"

"Sir, my wife said I was to ask for a raise."  
"Good, I'll ask my wife if I may give you one."

Lady (answering door): "I don't need nothing."  
Salesman: "How do you know? I may be selling grammar books."  
Susan Giuliani '66

## SPANISH CLUB

At the last meeting of the club, the following officers were elected: Concetta Maresco, President; Mary Ann Galletta, Vice President; Concetta Maresco, Secretary; Susan Giuliani, Treasurer.

The Spanish Club will soon start rehearsals for a play entitled *Beatle Trouble* which will be shown to the entire school body. A comedy, the play was written by Luis Ramirez, a sophomore.

Rose Ann Colandrea '67